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## Hired Plowman

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I think I've plowed this field before.  
It's good to plow it just once more,  
Though I've grown old before my time  
With face as ugly as a sore.

This field is hurting for some lime.  
It wouldn't cost the man a dime  
To fix it up for years to come,  
But spending mon to him's a crime.

Although I think he's far from plumb  
To let it go by saving some,  
It isn't mine to fret about.  
This soil has fed the lazy bum.

But he is weak and I am stout,  
I'll try to please the lazy lout  
And plow it till I wear it out  
And plow it till I wear it out.

**Hired Plowman**  
**James Battle**